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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO

SUBJ: ICAO - SOUTHERN AIRWAYS REQUEST FOR "GOOD OFFICES"  
RE RETURN FROM CUBA OF RANSOM MONEY

REF: A) MONTREAL 0129; B) STATE 055775; C) MONTREAL 0468

1. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM PRES/COUNCIL DATED MAY 27,  
AIRMAILED TODAY:

QUOTE: 1. I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF 9 JANUARY 1975 REGARDING  
THE CASE OF A SOUTHERN AIRWAYS DC-9 WHICH LANDED IN HAVANA IN  
NOVEMBER 1972.

2. AS I INFORMED YOU IN MY REPLY OF 15 JANUARY 1975, I HAD  
WRITTEN TO COMANDANTE ALVAREZ BRAVO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
INSTITUTO DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL. I HAVE ONLY TODAY RECEIVED  
A REPLY, DATED 10 APRIL 1975 IN HAVANA, IN WHICH HE SIMPLY  
ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF MY LETTER TO HIM AND INFORMS ME  
THAT THE QUESTION RAISED BY ME HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE  
PERTINENT AUTHORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION.

2. COMANDANTE ALVAREZ BRAVO DOES NOT INDICATE WHO THOSE  
AUTHORITIES ARE NOR WHAT FOLLOW-UP HE EXPECTS.

3. WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY ARISES I SHALL RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN  
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WITH THE CUBAN AUTHORITIES BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IN THE LIGHT

OF THE REPLY THERE WOULD BE ANY PURPOSE IN MY WRITING AGAIN TO  
COMANDANTE ALVAREZ BRAVO. OBVIOUSLY THE QUESTION IS OUTSIDE  
HIS FIELD OF COMPETENCE. UNQUOTE  
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